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1. On 24 July 1953, at 0930 hours, three buses left the Mihantour Passenger Transportation Company<sup>1</sup> Garage in Tehran, Iran, with Festival Delegates.<sup>2</sup>
2. The departing group, which numbered approximately 90, included the group of 40 persons who obtained passports with Government permission, as well as others who obtained their passports by other means. Engineer Hasan Nazari, the Tudeh official secretly in charge of the Festival Preparations Committee, told Source that the Tudeh Party expected to have a total delegation in Bucharest of about 150 persons.<sup>3</sup>
3. Nazari was in charge of the group until it reached the Russian border.<sup>4</sup> The delegates left Julfa at about 1030 hours on 26 July 1953 with Puria (fnp)<sup>5</sup> in charge. Each delegate took with him approximately 28 dollars and an unspecified amount in rubles.
4. On 25 July, the Festival Preparations Committee authorized its Passport Division "contact men" to pay "any price" to obtain more passports. However, these efforts were apparently fruitless, since on "Friday or Saturday"<sup>6</sup> the Government changed about 14 of the key personnel in the Passport Division, thus upsetting the Tudeh channels for bribery.
5. On 27 July, the Festival Preparations Committee instructed its "contact men" to cease their efforts, as the "job was finished."

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1.  Comment. The Mihantour Company, according to a report from a  date of information 28 May 1951, provides part of the funds used by the Tudeh Party for propaganda purposes, maintains contact with the Party's provincial branches, and gives general operational

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assistance to the Party. See [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. This refers to the Fourth World Youth Festival scheduled for Bucharest, Rumania, between 2 and 16 August 1953.

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[redacted] Comments

3. Iranian delegates from Europe should enable the Tudeh Party to reach this goal.

4. Nazari failed at the last minute to get a passport.

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[redacted] Comments

5. Possibly identical with Arsalan Purya who, according to a report from a Tudeh Party member [redacted] is a member of the Tudeh Youth Organization Central Committee, [redacted]

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6. It is not clear whether 17-18 July or 24-25 July 1953 is meant.

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